CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Have you ever had a Pap test?

- Ninety-seven percent of adult Montana women reported in 2000 that they had ever had a Pap test.
- The percentage of women who had ever had a Pap test has remained approximately the same since 1992.
- It appears that women aged 18 to 24 (84%) were less likely to have ever had a Pap test than women aged 25 or older (≥96%).
- Eighty-six percent of women with less than a high school education reported that they had ever had a Pap test, while more than 96% of women with a high school education or more reported having had the test. Note the broad confidence interval (±22%) associated with the estimate for women with less than a high school education, confounding interpretation of these data.

Have you had a Pap test in the past three years?

- In 2000, the percentage of women who reported they had had a Pap test within the past three years was 89%. Seventy-seven percent of women aged 70 and older reported that they had the test in the past three years.
- The percentage of women having had a Pap test in the past three years has slightly increased since 1992 for all adult women, and particularly for women aged 70 and older.
- Small sample sizes and broad confidence intervals obscure differences in percentages among subpopulations.

Healthy People 2000 Objectives:

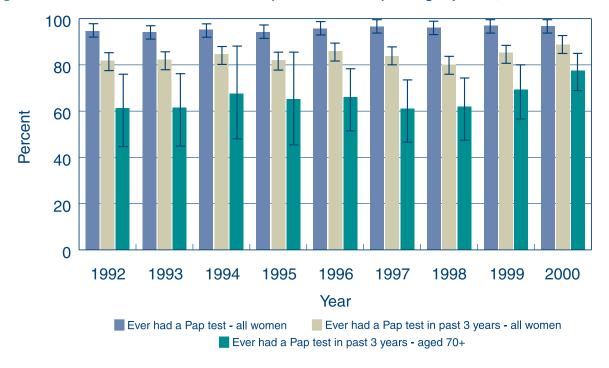
16.12 Increase to 95 percent the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a Pap test, and to at least 85 percent those who received a Pap test within the preceding 1 to 3 years.

Healthy People 2010 Objectives:

- 3-11a Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a pap test to at least 97%.
- 3-11b Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have received a pap test within the preceding 3 years to at least 97%.

Table 15. Cervical Cancer Screening, Montana Adult Women, 2000 (with 95% confidence intervals). Ever had a Pap test* Had Pap test in past 3 years* **Total** Total No. **WT.**% CI No. **WT.%** CI **Adult Females:** 1299 2000 96.9 1292 88.8 85.9-91.6 94.6-99.1 Age: 18-24 129 84.3 70.5-98.0 129 84.3 70.5-98.0 25-34 222 99.6 98.7-100.0 222 94.6 91.1-98.1 35-44 343 99.6 99.0-100.0 343 87.5 82.3-92.7 45-54 241 99.3 98.2-100.0 240 93.3 89.8-96.7 55-64 134 99.7 99.4-100.0 134 93.7 90.1-97.3 65+ 228 96.7 93.6-99.7 222 79.2 72.6-85.7 **Education:** 113 86.1 111 73.2 52.7-93.7 63.7-100.0 <High School 403 96.6 93.9-99.3 400 86.2 81.9-90.4 High School 419 417 90.6 Some College 97.8 95.6-99.9 86.6-94.7 College Degree 363 99.0 97.6-100.0 363 93.4 90.2-96.5 Income: 94.2-100.0 81.8-94.5 <\$15,000 154 98.0 153 88.1 284 99.1 283 84.2 \$15,000 - \$24,999 98.2-100.0 78.2-90.2 \$25,000 - \$49,999 385 95.0 88.6-100.0 385 90.6 84.0-97.2 \$50,000 - \$74,999 137 100.0 136 95.2 90.9-99.5 100.0 88.4-99.4 \$75,000+ 79 79 93.9 Race: 1091 1085 96.8 94.3-99.3 88.8 85.7-91.8 White, non-Hispanic 206 97.3 93.4-100.0 206 88.5 82.0-95.0 Non-white or Hispanic

Figure 15. Percent of Adult Montana Women (with intact cervix) Having Pap Tests, 1992-2000.



^{*} Denominator is all adult women with an intact uterine cervix